AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application with the following **Listing of Claims**:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type;

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with (i) the first network device based on the first location directive and (ii) the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including parameters related to one or more hardware characteristics of the first network device or the second network device;

enabling selection, by a user, of the first network device or the second network device;

dynamically presenting the real-time hardware information associated with the selected network device through a display, the display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of user-selectable hardware characteristics of the selected network device, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected by the user in the hierarchical tree structure of the first window.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 25, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 25, wherein at least one of the hardware characteristics are selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

Central Processing Unit (CPU) usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

5. **(Cancelled)**

6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with (i) the first network device based on the first location directive and (ii) the second network device based on the second location directive comprises polling the first network device and the second network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising separate polling intervals for individual ones of the parameters related to hardware characteristics.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 25, further comprising enabling a user to select the first network device or the second network device, wherein the display comprises a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of user-selectable hardware characteristics of the selected network device, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected by the user in the hierarchical tree structure.

9. **(Previously Presented)** An electronically readable medium, the medium comprising instructions that control one or more processors to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the

first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type;

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with (i) the first network device based on the first location directive and (ii) the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including parameters related to one or more hardware characteristics of the first network device or the second network device, wherein remotely retrieving the real-time hardware information comprises polling the first and second network devices based on a polling configuration file that specifies separate intervals for individual ones of the parameters related to the hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present at least of a portion the real-time hardware information through a display.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** The electronically readable medium of Claim 9, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The electronically readable medium of Claim 9, the hardware characteristics including at least one hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

13. **(Cancelled)**

14. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~electronically readable medium~~ of Claim 1, wherein the hardware information comprises chassis component information.

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Previously Presented)** The electronically readable medium of Claim 9, wherein the instructions further control the one or more processors to:

enable a user to select the first network device or the second network device; and

dynamically present the real-time hardware information associated with the selected network device through the display, the display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of user-selectable hardware characteristics of the selected network device, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected by the user in the hierarchical tree structure.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A system for monitoring information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

memory storing a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a plurality of location directives, each directive associated with a MIB parameter for one of the network devices; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with (i) the first network device based on the first location directive and (ii) the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including parameters related to one or more hardware characteristics of the first network device or the second network device, wherein remotely retrieving the real-time hardware information comprises polling the first and second network devices based on a polling configuration file that specifies separate intervals for individual ones of the parameters related to the hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present at least a portion of the real-time hardware information through a display.

18. **(Canceled)**

19. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, at least one of the hardware characteristics being selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

21. **(Cancelled)**

22. **(Currently Amended)** The method ~~system of Claim 1, at least one of~~ the hardware characteristics being selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

23. **(Canceled)**

24. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, wherein the one or more processors are collectively operable to:

enable a user to select the first network device or the second network device; and

dynamically present the real-time hardware information associated with the selected network device through the display, the display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of user-selectable hardware characteristics of the selected network device, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected by the user in the hierarchical tree structure of the first window.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including parameters related to one or more hardware characteristics, wherein remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device comprises polling the first network device based on a polling configuration file that specifies separate intervals for individual ones of the parameters related to the hardware characteristics;

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including parameters related to one or more hardware characteristics, wherein remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the second network device comprises polling the second network device based on a polling configuration file that specifies separate intervals for individual ones of the parameters related to the hardware characteristics;

dynamically displaying the at least a portion of the retrieved hardware information through a display.